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-- Claim 1. (cancelled)

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Claim 2. (cancelled)

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Claim 3. (cancelled)

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Claim 4. (cancelled)

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Claim 5. (cancelled)

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**Claim 6. (currently amended)** The rail positioning device of ~~Claim 5~~

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~~wherein~~ Claim 22 wherein said rail positioning element includes a camming

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surface to engage the elongated rail.

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**Claim 7. (cancelled)**

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**Claim 8. (cancelled)**

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**Claim 9. (cancelled)**

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**Claim 10. (currently amended)** The rail positioning device of ~~Claim 3~~

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~~wherein~~ Claim 22 wherein said rail positioning actuator further includes an

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actuator element positioning device to move said actuator element between

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the retracted position and the extended position.

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**Claim 11. (original)** The rail positioning device of Claim 10 wherein said

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actuator element comprises an elongated shaft having one end portion

3 coupled to said rail positioning member and an actuator piston coupled to the  
4 opposite end portion thereof and said actuator element positioning device  
5 comprises a pressurized fluid cylinder.

1 **Claim 12. (cancelled)**

1 **Claim 13. (cancelled)**

1 **Claim 14. (cancelled)**

1 **Claim 15. (cancelled)**

1 **Claim 16. (cancelled)**

1 **Claim 17. (cancelled)**

1 **Claim 18. (cancelled)**

1 **Claim 19. (cancelled)**

1 **Claim 20. (cancelled)**

1 **Claim 21. (cancelled)**

1 **Claim 22. (new)** A rail positioning device for use with a retractable  
2 bumper assembly that includes an elongated rail movable between a retracted  
3 position and an elevated position supported by a plurality of rail support  
4 members to prevent bowling balls from entering a bowling lane gutter adjacent

5 said retractable bump assembly when the elongated rail is in said elevated  
6 position, said rail positioning device comprises a rail positioning assembly  
7 disposed in operational relationship relative to a rail positioning actuator, said  
8 rail positioning assembly and said rail positioning actuator each movable  
9 between a retracted position and an extended position such that when said rail  
10 positioning assembly is moved from said retracted to said extended position  
11 by said rail positioning actuator moving from said retracted position to said  
12 extended position said rail positioning assembly engages said elongated rail to  
13 move said elongated rail from said retracted position to said elevated position  
14 to prevent a bowling balls from entering said adjacent gutter, said rail  
15 positioning assembly comprises a rail positioning member longitudinally  
16 movable between a retracted position and an extended position and a rail  
17 positioning element including a substantially flat side surface rotatably  
18 movable between a retracted position and an extended position disposed to  
19 engage the elongated rail, said rail positioning actuator comprises an actuator  
20 element longitudinally movable between a retracted and an extended position  
21 to move said rail positioning member from said retractable and said extended  
22 position to move said rail positioning element from said retracted position and  
23 said extended position as said actuator element moves from said retracted  
24 position to said extended position to move the elongated rail from said  
25 retracted position to said elevated position, said rail positioning member  
26 includes an arcuate camming surface disposed to initially engage said

27 substantially flat side surface of said rail positioning element to selectively  
28 rotate said rail positioning member from said retracted position to said  
29 extended position and an inclined surface disposed to engage said  
30 substantially flat side surface of said rail positioning element when said rail  
31 positioning member and said rail positioning element are each in said  
32 extended position to maintain said elongated rail in said elevated position.

1       **Claim 23. (new)** A retractable bumper assembly comprising an  
2 elongated rail movable between a retracted position and an elevated position  
3 supported by a plurality of rail support members to prevent bowling balls from  
4 entering a bowling lane gutter adjacent said retractable bump assembly when  
5 said elongated rail is in said elevated position and a rail positioning device  
6 comprising a rail positioning assembly disposed in operational relationship  
7 relative to a rail positioning actuator, said rail positioning assembly and said  
8 rail positioning actuator each movable between a retracted position and an  
9 extended position such that when said rail positioning assembly is moved from  
10 said retracted to said extended position by said rail positioning actuator  
11 moving from said retracted position to said extended position said rail  
12 positioning assembly engages said elongated rail to move said elongated rail  
13 from said retracted position to said elevated position to prevent a bowling balls  
14 from entering said adjacent gutter, said rail positioning assembly comprises a  
15 rail positioning member longitudinally movable between a retracted position  
16 and an extended position and a rail positioning element including a

17 substantially flat side surface rotatably movable between a retracted position  
18 and an extended position disposed to engage said elongated rail, said rail  
19 positioning actuator comprises an actuator element longitudinally movable  
20 between a retracted and an extended position to move said rail positioning  
21 member from said retractable and said extended position to move said rail  
22 positioning element from said retracted position and said extended position as  
23 said actuator element moves from said retracted position to said extended  
24 position to move said elongated rail from said retracted position to said  
25 elevated position, said rail positioning member includes an arcuate camming  
26 surface disposed to engage said substantially flat side surface of said rail  
27 positioning element to selectively rotate said rail positioning member from said  
28 retracted position to said extended position and an inclined surface disposed  
29 to engage said substantially flat side surface of said rail positioning element  
30 when said rail positioning member and said rail positioning element are each  
31 in said extended position to maintain said elongated rail in said elevated  
32 position. - -